

Critical Summaries for the Short Story Project

For this project, I am asking for you to find, read, and summarize TWO articles written on your short story.

Finding Articles

I am asking you to select articles from the *Literature Resource Center* database inside the SAC Library selection of databases. Alternatively, you can also use *JSTOR* or the *MLA Bibliography*.

Read Your Article

You will need to read this article closely and critically, so be sure to print a copy of your article so that you can annotate it. To help you summarize the article, I suggest that you re-read, re-skim the article and outline its main parts and points.

Summarize Your Article

You will write a 100-200 word summary of your article. Start the summary with the complete and correctly formatted Works Cited entry for the article. Skip a line and write your summary generally following this format:

- A) What is this article about? What question or issue or topic related to the story does it discuss?
- B) Summarize the main points that it makes related to this question/issue/topic.
- C) Evaluate what is useful or insightful about this article. Evaluate its limits too. Do you find the article useful and good or not? Why?

Example

Delaney, Bill. "Poe's The Cask of Amontillado." *The Explicator* 64.1 (2005): 33+. Literature Resource Center. Web. 19 Apr. 2011.

The writer's objective is to display that Montresor shows sympathy for Fortunato throughout the story although he ends up murdering him. The story is puzzling to read at times and you wonder why Montresor went through so much trouble to kill his friend; however, the writer explains Montresor's actions for murdering Fortunato was because he wanted closure. Murdering Fortunato would bring closure to his life because Fortunato will not get the opportunity to continue "the thousand injuries" he has already inflicted. The writer gives evidence that Montresor shows genuine concern about Fortunato's well being because he gives Fortunato the opportunity to change his fate, but continues the path to his own death. I agree with the writer because Montresor does not seem like a cold-hearted murderer. He shows emotion to his friend and cares about him deeply, but has just been hurt one too many times by Fortunato. The writer shows that Montresor only wanted closure from the pain he caused and had to avenge his tormentor, but still showed pity towards him because he cared for him.